

sioned at Sonepat during this year (1992-93) replacing 2200 lines existing exchange thereby providing net addition of 1800 lines. This addition in capacity is expected to provide about 1600 new connections. At Rohtak, a 4000 , lines E 10 B Exchange is expected to be commissioned in 1993-94.

(c) In Sonepat 69 connections were allotted out of turn during the last three years.

(d) In Sonepat 12 temporary connections were sanctioned during the last three years.

Funds for Expansion of communications Facilities in Rural Areas

7180. SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR

SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated by the Government for rural and backward areas of Uttar Pradesh for the expansion of communications facilities during 1991-92;

(b) the basis on which the para-meter has been fixed for identifications of rural and backward areas; and

(c) the targets achieved so far?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The amount allocated for expansion of communications facilities in rural areas of Uttar Pradesh during the year 1991-92 is as under:

(In crores of Rs.)

Postal	0.50
Telecommunications	552.25
Total	552.75

No separate allocation is made for backward areas.

(b) 1981 census report forms the basis for such identification.

(c)	ITEM	Target (91-92)	Achievement
1.	Telephone connections in Gram Panchayats	5000	1663 Upto 29-2-1992)
2.	Opening of new Telephone Exchanges & Upgradation of Existing exchanges.	151	119 (upto 29-2-1992)
3.	Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices sanctioned	500	489